

A
LETTER
FROM THE
THE LORD OF ROS-
ny, Great Treasurer of France
to the Quene Regent of
FRANCE.

Concerning the re-
signation of his Offices.

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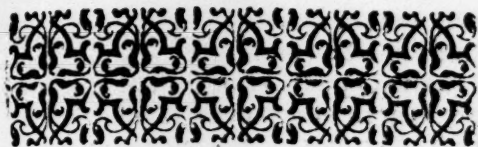
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TO ALL CHA-
ritable good Christi-
an Subiects in generall, and
most especially to the Prote-
stants wheresoeuer.



INdifferēt Readers, this
Gentleman is a Protestant
who did carrie himselfe so
worthily in his offices in
the time of the late King
his Maiſter, that he was ve-
ry well thought of, accor-
ding to the worth and ſuffi-
ciencie of him in his ſo great and waightie Im-
ployments. As you may hereafter perceiue in
this following diſcourſe of his Letter written
vnto the now Queene Regent of *France*, how-
ſoeuer it hath pleaſed her, and her Councell
ſince, otherwaies to diſpoſe of his offices, and
remoue him from thoſe his ſo waightie af-
faires, wherein it doth appeare, the French
King his worthie maiſter, had great reaſon to
hold him well worthie of thoſe high places
(wherein it ſeemes) he hath bene a prouident,
painefull, and carefull Treasuor, Officer, and
Seruant,

To the Reader.

Servant, and a most faithfull, Religious, and
worthie Subiect: Howsoever it hath pleased
God (by his Queen) to worke in him and his
Estate, so great an alteration, for the tryall of
his faith and patience. All which he in great
humilitie doth doubtlesse well applie to his
owne Rest, ease, and more diuine Employ-
ments, the content of Charitable minded peo-
ple, and the comfort of his owne soule, which
comfort of soule, I beseech our good God to
impart to all Religious, Vertuous, Charitable,
and well minded people: To liue in happines,
and die in peace. Farewell,



A LETTER
FROM THE LORD
OF ROSNY, GREAT
Treasurer of France,

TO
The Queene Regent of France,
Concerning the Resignation
of his Offices.

MADAME,



Among all the honourable
Conditions of a French
Gentleman, I alwayes
held that to be of most of
estime, which was em-
ployed in the Important
Affaires of his Countrey,
in the happie Administration of the same: and
in obeying the Commandements of his
Prince: Throughout the course of many
yeares, I have managed the principall of this
Estate, with unexpected success: Under my
King, from a bottemicke Culphe of miserie,
I have guided them to the toppe of all glo-
rie.

A Letter from

At this day (*MADAME*) I doe obey the desire and expresse will of your Maestie, I commit into your handes the two fairest Tokens of the benefites and rewards of my god Paister, *The Bastile*, and *the Treasurie*, which (so long as he liued, I possessed;) Now that he is deceased, I restore them to you; and well content my selfe, that the Effects of my seruices may remaine ingrauen in the hearts of your people. An other not so faithfull as my selfe, might fill all *France* with his complaints: But my perpetuall deuotion to the place of my Maestie, and to my King, doe restraine and bide my Tongue, and maketh mee to seeke rather in mine owne incapacitie, then in any other consideration, the cause of so great an alteration.

In one onely point is my spirit impatiently tormented: that is, wth that more then absolute resolution of your Maestie, to bid me to take money in recompence for my Offices: Not that I do not sufficiently indge both necessary this course is, for the good of your seruice: But on the other side, it is to my selfe so prejudicall, and so contrary to my demands, that whatsoever power I haue ouer my selfe to content you, yet haue I not sufficient to accept it. But contrariwise (*MADAME*) I am forced to refuse it, and contrary to my dutie in this occasion, to preferre my particular Interest, before that of your Maestie: of all the meanes provided to waite through this business, this must needs be to me the most odious: and indeede I do abhorre

the Lord Rosny.

it, and holde it as proceeding not from your goodnesse, but from the malice of mine Enemies.

For (*MADAME*) wherefore doe they not rather laye this pretence vpon my ouertwils humour, an incompatible estrangement from all gratification of whatsoeuer societie, and dissimulation vpon the weake order that I may paradieture haue taken in the affaires of my Offices: vpon my bad Husbandrie, in matter of the Treazurie: vpon the evils that haue proceeded of such strong intelligences as I haue practized, as well within as without the Realme: and vpon such extream care as I toke to establish my selfe in the preservation of my fortunes: Wherefore (I say *Madam*) haue they not rather chosen this foundation, rather then any other: neither so faire in shewe, and yet farre more unlikely? For, to publish or giue out, that I neuer craued any other recompence, then for my Office of the Treasurie, neither yet any other reward then the Office of a *Marshall of France*. It is a matter that cannot bee truly maintained; The impudencie of mine Enemies, and the complaint of some of my Friends, shall neuer be of force sufficient, otherwise to testifie it.

But if your *Maiestie* doe accuse me, that of my selfe I haue offered you all that I did possesse, I confesse it: Neither doe I denie, but that many times I haue assured your *Maiestie*, that all that was mine depended vpon you; yea, euen my very life it selfe.

A Letter from

But surely (*MADAME*) I will also ad-
now, that at that time I could not imagine
that such Offers to a mans Soueraigne,
could be offence sufficient to be therefore depri-
ued and put from his Dignities. So as if
now you doe so take it, it is a principle in my
opinion, very new: Yet shall not this nouel-
tie neuer theles euer make me to repent that I
haue done my dutie.

But contrarywise (*MADAME*) at this
present, I doe againe offer to your *Maiestie*, not
onely my honors, my goods, but also my be-
ry life, with the liues of my Childzen: Nei-
ther doe I present them vnto you vppon a-
ny condition, but to vse them according to
your pleasure; Yea, euen to honour my very
Enemies with them, if to take them from me
shoulde be not matter of content.

If my passed Actions haue tended to the
auancement of this Crowne, I will also that
my obedience shall bee the first to shewe the
meanes to preserve it. And whatsoever my
Enemies doe publish of my loue to that I pos-
seste, or whatsoever other mens humors may
helpe to breake beliefe, yet is it true (*MADAME*) that I will abandon all that my ser-
uices haue purchased me, with more constan-
cie, yea, with a thousand times more reso-
lution, then an other shall possesse them with
pleasure. It shall suffice me in my solitarines,
to learne how your *Maiestie* doth daily make
your Scepter to flourish, and preferring in
these Affaires a godly Order, and in your
Coffers Treasure sufficient to support this
Estate, which principally subsisteth vppon
the support of these two Pillers.

This is it wherein I will most quietly

the Lord Rosny.

entertaine my idle cogitations, and comforte my selfe ouer the losse of my good King, without being constrained (if it may so please you) to accept or reserve any other recompence for my Offices, then my contentment to receive none, and the honour of your expresse Com-mandements, but if neuertheless, for a small Resolution, and that I may not shew my selfe disobedient to your Willes, your Maiestie doe absolutely enioyne me to the contrarie.

This then (MADAME) is the greatest fauour, and that which I most desire, wherewith I doe most humbly beseech you to recompence me, that it may please your Maiestie (MADAME) immediately to command my greatest enemies to goe into the Chamber of Accounts, there to verifie & take view of the profits or detriments of my 12. yeares watchings. Then if it be not found, that during the saide time, vnder the power and auctoritie of my great King, I haue by my dexterity and by my trauals, rooted out the greatest confusion that euer was in the Treasuries of France: that beside the sparing of eight Millions euery yere: whereof hee verely became indebted to his Officers, besides the payment of all charges, and of all the ordinarie Expences of the Estate, of all the wages of the soveraigne Courts, of all the wages of the men of Warre, of all the Garrisons, Embassages, the Kings house, the Voyages & Mariages, giuing of Rewards & Recompences, with a thousand other expences, too tedious to be here set downe besides also the Guardes ordinary summes, without augmenting either Taxes or Impositions in the Realme.

*The Millions
are of Crowns
and not of
Pounds.*

A Letter from

Yea contrariwise, If they finde not that
 I haue yet for the entertainment of thre great
 Armies, whereof the one recovered *Amiens*, an
 other reduced *Bretaigne*, and the third conque-
 red *Bresse*, and *Sauoye*: found meanes extraor-
 dinarily to furnish about twelue Millions:
 for the discharge of the debts of *France*, grow-
 en by Treaties, about five and twenty Milli-
 ons: for the payment of those of *Switzerland*,
Germany, *Italie*, and *England*, about thirtie
 Millions: For the payment of Pensions, both
 within and without the Realine, about foure
 and twentie Millions: For the succour of for-
 raigne Prouinces, about eight Millions: for
 the refurnishment of the Artilleries, Fortifi-
 cations, High-ways, and Buildings, about
 eight Millions: For the reliefe of the poore,
 about six Millions: To lay by in the *Trea-*
surie, in the Coffers of the *Basilie*, or to leaue
 in *Deposito*, in the hands of the *Treasurer of the*
Espagne, about seuētē Millions: To satis-
 fie many other Expences, which may easily be
 verified, about twenty Millions: If I haue
 not also besides procured Contracts for the re-
 demming of the Demaynes of *France*, that were
 engaged, whereof the greatest part is daylie put
 in Execution; Such Redemptions, amount-
 ing to about fortie Millions.

Finally, (*MADAME*) If I haue not
 in my great care, by my onely Vigilancie, put
 in practise these sparings: If also to continue
 the same duty to *Frâce*, I haue not at all times
 offered to your *Maiestie*, to lose my life, or to sup-
 port the affaires, & that in the same eminencie,
 yea, euen to present them in a higher degré.

the Lord Rosny,

If I say, I haue not preferred all these things
and moze, then doe I submit my selfe (*MADAME*) to any punishment for my presumption, to receiue such odious recompence, that
you shall appoint me, as the price of my honours
& of my offices: But if also (*MADAME*)
there be not any one of these Articles found
false, (vnlesse it be that they speake too little) &
that my former affection hath receiued no o-
ther alteration, but to be growne moze ardent
and strong, suffer me (*MADAME*) for my
moze worthy satisfaction, to endure the harme
that you doe me, without accepting the good
that you offer me. Reuoke and call in my offi-
ces without this gracious charge. Or if ne-
cessarily (*MADAME*) you will vouchsafe
yet to honoꝝ me with some fauour, Let it be
onely, if it may so please you, a perpetuall re-
membꝛance of my fidelitie: A fauour which I
desire of your Maieſtie: not that hereafter I
might be recalled to the painefull trauell of
the affaires: but onely to leaue me in rest, that
I may still liue in the remembꝛance of her, who
is this day the Regent of my country: the li-
uing soule of my maſter, and the mother of
my King. And surely (*MADAME*) it is
also an honoꝝ, and last acknowledgement
which you Madame cannot iuſtly denie me:
for ſith all they whom in my offices I may
haue offended, doe labour to ſee me deſerued,
much moze may they remember my ſeruites
that doe triumph in them.

Farewell houſe, farewell ſortreſſe, which I
haue had in keeping and gouernment aboue

A Letter from

twelue yeares. Farewell Temple of the Goddesse *Moneta Aeterni*. Who haue procured me so great enuie: Let me now goe, now that I am wearie of these affaires; Returne me to a private life, wherein I may no more haue such cares. I am he, who strong in spirit and courage, hauing comprehended the very ground of the riches of the King and Kingdome, haue governed them: I am he, vnto whom the felicitie of this estate, augmented in new reuelnes, and the coffers of our yong maisters, replenished by iust and lawfull meanes, stand bound for that plaine and assured order that I haue established; I haue reaped great honours and large recompence for that industrious care that I tooke vnder a great king. I was of great power, & had great authoritie, but even in the turning of a hâd, in his bloody fall, I haue sene all fallen and ruined. In the same mishap, haue I sene extinct, all that enuie, that made diuers many times to threaten my vndoing and utter ruine, whiles I procured the good of the estate, and that I sought nothing but to purchase onely my maisters fauours, without any regard of the great ones, and neuer knowing what it was to seeke the fauour and good will of the people, euermore bending my selfe wholly to this purpose.

But now in the end, depart from me all troublesome carking care, I am now resoluèd to mew vp my ship in a calme, and safe haven: peraduenture the state hauing lost me, shall better acknowledge wherein I haue bene profitable vnto it, and the people shall finde it, albeit

the Lord Rosny,

beit ouerlate, when fauour and affection shall
succeed hatred: but I doe not so highly esteeme
my owne grace and good, as that I should de-
sire to obtaine it, by the disasters and calami-
ties of my countrey: But contrariwise, grant
God, that the fortune of this Realme, may
euermore continue in good estate, that I may
neuer see it ouerthrowne, and that it may ne-
uer haue cause to be sorry for the losse of me, or
to wish so; me againe.

FINIS.

